

NCAA Core Course Requirements

DIVISION 1 2005 THROUGH 2007

If you enroll in a Division 1 college between 2005 and 2007 and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship, you must meet the following academic standards:

- . Graduate from high school;
- . Complete the 14 core courses listed below;
- . Present a minimum required grade-point average in your core courses; and
- . Achieve a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course grade-point average in the grade point average and test score index found on the NCAA Web site, www.ncaa.org.

14 Required Core Courses

- . Four years of English;
- . Two years of mathematics (algebra 1 or higher level);
- . Two years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school);
- . One extra year of English, mathematics or natural/physical science;
- . Two years of social science; and
- . Three years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy).

NOTE: Computer science courses can be used only if your high school grants graduate credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and the courses appear on your high-school's core-course list as a math or science course.

You will be a nonqualifier if you do not meet the academic requirements listed above.

As a nonqualifier, you:

- . May not participate in athletics competition or practice during your first year in college;
- . May receive financial aid based only on need (not athletics-based financial aid) in your first year in college; and
- . May play only three seasons (to earn a fourth season you must graduate before your fifth year of college).

DIVISION 1 2008 AND LATER

If you enroll in a Division 1 college in 2008 or later and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship, you must meet all NCAA requirements for 2005 and 2007 and have completed two additional core courses (new total of 16). Students must complete three years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher), and four years of additional core courses. The additional course may be taken in any area: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy.

The new 16 core courses are listed below:

16 Required Core Courses

- . **Four** years of English
- . **Three** years of mathematics (algebra 1 or higher level);
- . Two years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school.
- . One extra year of English, mathematics or natural/physical science;
- . Two years of social science; and
- . **Four** years of extra courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy).

What are core courses?

For a definition of core courses, see *Core Courses Definition* below.

See your high-school's core course list at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

DIVISION 11 2005 AND LATER

If you enroll in a Division 11 college in 2005 or later and want to participate in athletics or receive an athletics scholarship, you must meet the following academic standards:

- . Graduate from high school;
- . Complete the 14 core courses listed below;
- . Present a 2.000 grade-point average in your core courses; and
- . Achieve a combined SAT score of 820 or a sum score of 68 on the ACT.

14 Required Core Courses

- . Three years of English;
- . Two years of mathematics (algebra 1 or higher level);
- . Two years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered by your high school);
- . Two extra years of English, mathematics or natural/physical science;
- . Two years of social science; and
- . Three years of additional courses (from any category above, or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy).

Note: Computer science courses can be used only if your high school grants graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and the courses appear on your high-school's core-course list as a math or science course.

You will be a partial qualifier if you do not meet the academic requirements listed above, but you have graduated from high school and meet one of the following:

- . The specified minimum SAT or ACT score; or
- . Completion of the required 14 core courses with a 2.000 grade-point average in your core courses.

As a partial qualifier, you:

- . May practice with your team at its home facility;

- . May receive an athletics scholarship during your first year;
- . May not compete during your freshman year; and
- . May compete in the four seasons remaining.

If you have not graduated from high school or have not presented the core-course grade-point average, SAT or ACT scores required for a qualifier, **you will be considered a nonqualifier.**

As a nonqualifier, you:

- . May not participate in athletics competition or practice during your first year in college;
- . May receive financial aid based only on need (not athletics-based financial aid) in your first year in college; and
- . May play in four seasons.

CORE COURSES DEFINITION

A core course must:

- . Be an academic course in one or a combination of these areas; English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy;
- . Be four-year college preparatory; and
- . Be at or above your high school's regular academic level (no remedial, special education or compensatory courses).

Not all classes you take to meet high-school graduation requirements may be used as core courses.

Check your high-school's list of approved core courses at the clearinghouse Web site at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net or ask your counselor.

For a complete listing and more information about the NCAA, go to www.ncaa.org.